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SENATE RESOLUTION 200  
By Miller J

A RESOLUTION to commend Rachel Katherine Watson for her exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Rachel Katherine Watson is one such individual who has distinguished herself in her role as a legislative intern for Senator Jeff Miller; her work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators she assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a native of Tennessee, Ms. Watson was born to the union of David and Kathy Watson on August 2, 1981 in Nashville, and is a graduate of the Davidson Academy; and

WHEREAS, a Junior at Union University in Jackson, where she is highly regarded by her peers, she has achieved academic excellence while majoring in Christian Ethics and minoring in Public Relations; and

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WHEREAS, an accomplished and respected leader, Rachel Katherine Watson is a recipient of the Union University Leadership Scholarship and has astutely served as a Student Representative on the Union University Master Plan Committee; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Watson has been an active and valued member of many programs and clubs at Union University; she has served with distinction as the Senator of the Zeta Tau Alpha Social Fraternity, member of the Publicity and Prayer Committee of the International Justice Mission, Vice-President of the Residence Life Dorm Council, member of the College Republicans, and Senator of the Freshman Council; and

WHEREAS, a participant in the Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature, she has served as a Committee Vice-Chairman, Clerk, Senior Advisor to the Governor, and Secretary of State, as well as making significant contributions to Priority Legislation; and

WHEREAS, Rachel Katherine Watson is a conscientious member of her community, and has served in numerous political and service organizations and programs, including meritorious service as a volunteer with the Jay West Mayoral Campaign, George W. Bush Presidential Campaign Fundraiser, Habitat for Humanity, and the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Awareness Foundation; and

WHEREAS, a member of Circle K International, Ms. Watson has admirably served as the organization's President and assisted in the successful rechartering and organization of the Union University Chapter; and

WHEREAS, she is a devout member of the Inglewood Baptist Church of Nashville and has faithfully participated in mission trips; she is also a Disciple Now leader, and has assisted in directing Bible Studies for youth groups; and

WHEREAS, throughout her professional endeavors, Rachel Katherine Watson has distinguished herself as an exemplary employee; she served with the utmost acumen and probity as a Counselor and Office Worker with the Davidson Academy Bear Country Camp during the Summer of 2001, Receptionist with Pamela Drewery-Rodgers, Attorney at Law, from

September to December 2000, and Administrative Assistant with Beck and Beck Attorneys during the Summer of 2000; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize herself with the characteristics and complexity of Tennessee state government and to further her studies, Ms. Watson brought her many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2002 session of the One Hundred Second General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2002 legislative session, she has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, while filling in for a full-time staff person during the 2002 session, Rachel has distinguished herself as a positive asset for Senator Miller's office; and

WHEREAS, described as a "Ray of Sunshine" by Senator Miller because she is always cheerful and ready to help, Rachel Katherine Watson has earned the respect and admiration of everyone with whom she has worked for her outstanding work ethic, reliability, and diligence in completing her duties; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Watson has performed her many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby commend Rachel Katherine Watson for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Senator Jeff Miller and extend to her our best wishes for every future success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.